

Town Topics

WE NOMINATE

Elmer William Engstrom, unassuming 46-year old vice-president in charge of research of the gargantuan Radio Corporation of America, whose work at the RCA Laboratories Division is dedicated to increasing usefulness of radio and electronics to the public and to industry. Charged with the direction of a high-powered staff of some 600 persons, 50 more than Princeton University lists on its faculty rolls, Engstrom as a scientist, engineer and administrator is a symbol of the new era in the history of American private enterprise, an era in which research is the only guarantee of continued progress.

Of Swedish descent and a native of Minneapolis, Minn., Engstrom, after taking his B.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1923, reversed Horace Greeley's time-worn axiom and headed east to join General Electric at Schenectady, N. Y. Seven years of radio engineering, including an active role in perfecting sound motion pictures, preceded his transfer to a research position with RCA Victor. As RCA's research groups matured and opened headquarters here in 1942, Engstrom moved upwards through the echelons of pyramided responsibility and was elevated to the vice-presidency in 1945.

The scope of RCA research is staggering to the layman, who will benefit directly from the never-ending search for new knowledge. Engstrom's department is divided broadly into its myriad scientific research functions and the service functions of the units that support the researchers. And the whole program forms such a team-type structure, with the encouragement of individual expression, that the electron microscope reached its present degree of development as an offshoot of television.

Although unable to discover hours "for many of the things I'd like to do," Engstrom is president of the Princeton Rotary Club, an unusual distinction for a five-year resident of a community. He maintains liaison with educational institutions, is in close touch with governmental research and is also vice-president and a director of the Industrial Research Institute. Just to round out his activities, Engstrom, a former president of the Princeton Chapter of Sigma Xi, sits with the Elders of the First Presbyterian Church and is a Fellow of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

For the all-important part he played during World War II when RCA research (Radar, Sonar, etc.) was devoted exclusively to the needs of the United Nations; for helping stand the infant television industry on its feet by advocating sound standards of operation for both business and government; for living in the present and constantly working for the future; he is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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Topics of the Town

Bold and Slightly Ornery. Police and residents alike were thoroughly irritated this week at a prowling burglar who seemed responsible for a series of thefts and attempted entry of homes in the western section of town. Evidence pointed to two characteristics: he was smart and he was mean.

Last weekend, he broke into the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. Warner Wood at 4 Greenholm. Vanishing from their bedroom just as his presence awakened them, he disappeared into the night with about \$1,000 in jewelry, including a diamond and platinum wristwatch and a cameo pin that had been in Mrs. Wood's family for 80 years. Tossing aside what he felt might be difficult to get rid of easily, he took special pains to break Mr. Wood's eyeglasses in two.

Same night, he tried his luck at both the Thomas Roberts house, 32 Hodge, and the Douglas Buffum house, 60 Hodge. Police report failure on his part, also have on their records two abortive attempts this week to enter the apartment house at 7 Greenholm (likewise owned by Mr. Wood.) Whether this is the same thief who got away with the \$130 in cash from General Edward C. Rose in Stanworth a fortnight ago, police are not prepared to say. By covering the same territory at frequent intervals, he might well be playing out his string; if & when caught, his popularity with all concerned will be at a record low.

Gridiron Unveiling. For the past five years, Princeton's football faithful knew their team wasn't going anywhere in particular. This season, they felt it

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In addition to a complete supply of Wilson products, the men's work clothes and women's sport accessories fields will be thoroughly covered. The former includes especially good grades of coveralls, overalls and work shoes; the latter, such items as stadium and Russian boots and scarves. The shop is underway this week at 26 Witherspoon.

"Fabrilité" Tablecloths. According to Morris Maple, in whose store at 200 Nassau Street they are once again available, all that we need to say is just *that* to have knowing housewives come running. On the chance that even some knowing ones missed Fabrilité's prewar forerunners, we would like to go into what it stands for.

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might, and the question was being hotly debated as to just how far.

This weekend should see a fair Brown team (watch aerial artist Ed Finn, one of the East's best passers) serve as an excellent barometer. With a line that averages 195 and a backfield only ten pounds lighter that can go through the middle, around the flanks or overhead, the Tigers should live up to the article about them in next week's Satevepost, "They Weep No More at Princeton."

Probable starting lineup: Finical and Meyer, ends; Williams and Duncan Robertson, tackles; Bolling Robertson and Atkinson, guards; Perantoni, center; West, Leibert, Sella and Franke, backs. Most optimistic prediction within bounds of reason: victories over Brown, Rutgers, Colgate, Cornell, Dartmouth, any one of Penn, Harvard or Yale.

Miscellany. When you hear the fire alarm blow at 10:30 on the morning of Friday, October 17, it will signify the start of a three-day Community Chest campaign to raise \$94,700 . . . members of the department will have to forego that particular chance to use their new engines.

Frank Grover's first-period touchdown gave Princeton High a 7-0 victory over Morrisville Friday in the town's first night game . . . the contest drew 3,500, may mean that the October 24 skirmish against Trenton Catholic will also go under lights.

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Saturday, October 4th

- 1:00 p.m.: Soccer: Princeton vs. Lafayette; Poe Field.
2:30 p.m.: Football: Princeton vs. Brown; Palmer Stadium.

Sunday, October 5th

- 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.
11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving; World-Wide Communion Service; Trinity Church.
Observance, World-Wide Communion Sunday; the Rev. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.
University Preacher, Dean Donald B. Aldrich; University Chapel.
"God in the Silence," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; World-Wide Communion Service; First Church.
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"Unreality," Lesson-Sermon, First Church of Christ, Scientist.
"Not Valid if Separated," the Rev. Milton A. Galamison; Witherspoon Church.
Friends Service of Worship; Murray-Dodge Hall, University Campus.
Noon: House-to-House Collection of Scrap Paper; sponsored by Princeton Post No. 76, American Legion.
8:00 p.m.: "The Foundation of Our Faith," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.
"Righteousness That Exceeds," the Rev. Galamison; Witherspoon Church.
8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Wednesday, October 8th

- 8:00 p.m.: Mid-Week Service for Prayer and Bible Study; the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.
Mid-Week Service, Bible Study; the Rev. Corson, Methodist Church.
8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, October 9th

- 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Annual Rummage Sale, Woman's Society of Methodist Church; Chambers Street Firehouse. (Sale continues on Friday).

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

The Romance of Rosy Ridge (Fri., Sat.) features Van Johnson as a school-teacher who seeks to bring peace to the Ozarks as rebels and yanks continue to feud in post-civil war days. No go.

Desire Me (Sun. thru Wed.) leans heavily on the flashback technique to show you why Greer Garson, believing her first husband dead, is badly confused by the attentions of his best friend. Robert Mitchum and Richard Hart play opposite her in a drama that's well acted but generally heavy.

Variety Girl (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) has little plot, offers instead a glimpse of virtually every star on the Paramount payroll, fortunately including Messrs. Hope & Crosby. Music and slapstick help pass the time.

Garden Theatre

The Corpse Came C.O.D. (Fri., Sat.) casts Joan Bolndell, George Brent as reporters who help solve three murders in a passable crime drama.

How Green Was My Valley (Mon., Tues., Wed.) is a beautifully-done film of 1941 vintage telling the story of joy and sorrow in a Welsh mining town. With Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara.

The Gunfighters (Thurs., Fri., Sat.), chief of whom is Randolph Scott, is a better than average western in color. Long on action.

The McCarter

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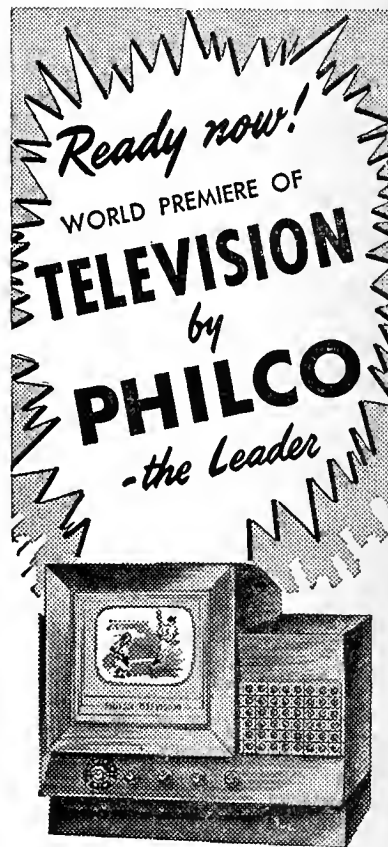
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